

Remarks

The Examiner has asked Applicants to elect a single invention either from the following or a different embodiment of Applicants' choice:

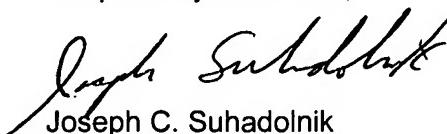
Group I - Claims 1-7 and 18-19 in part, drawn to compounds of Formula Ia,
Group II - Claims 1-7 and 18-19 in part, drawn to compounds of Formula Ib,
Group III - Claims 1-7 and 18-19 in part, drawn to compounds of Formula Ic,
Group IV - Claim 8 drawn to a process of preparing the compounds of Group Ia,
Group V - Claims 9-17 drawn to a method of use for compounds of Formula Ia, Ib and Ic.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse a subset of Group I, that is, claims 1-7 and 18-19 in part drawn to compounds of Formula (Ia) wherein R₁ is C₆₋₁₀ aryl or a radical of Formula (1a₁).

Applicants believe that the compounds of the presently elected invention are novel and as such constitute a special technical feature linking the elected portions of claims 1-7 and 18-19 with those portions of the method claims 9-17 in which the elected compounds are employed. Applicants therefore kindly ask that those portions of claims 9-17 which employ the compounds of Formula (Ia) wherein R₁ is C₆₋₁₀ aryl or a radical of Formula (1a₁) be rejoined with the elected claims either now or upon finding the elected parts of claims 1-7 and 18-19 allowable.

Consideration of the elected claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.
Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected embodiments in subsequent applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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